8th September 1960]

Supply of drinking water to Madras City

* 115 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sources of supply of drinking water to Madras City;

(*b*) the measures proposed to be taken to augment the supply of drinking water to Madras City; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to carry water from Poondi Reservoir to Red Hills Lake through pipes?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Red Hills and Cholavaram lakes and Satyamoorthi Sagar at Poondi.

(*b*) & (*c*) Investigation is being conducted to bring the Cauvery waters to the Madras City. Utilising the waters of Pennar in Andhra Pradesh is another long-term measure under consideration. Certain short-term measures, namely carrying water from Poondi and Cholavaram in closed pipes and acquisition of irrigation rights under Cholavaram and Red hill tanks are also under consideration.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is it under the consideration of the Government to have overhead tanks in certain parts of the city where water through taps does not reach?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : We are now concerned with augmenting the supply of water at the source. The main question does not relate to the distribution of water.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : My suggestion is that if we have wells in certain parts, and if water is lifted to overhead tanks and supplied to other parts of the city, it will ease the position. Since the population of the city is increasing, the Red Hills lake and other sources cannot meet fully the requirements of water in the city.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That is true. But that is not the main question.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Clause (*b*) of the question refers to the measures proposed to be taken.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have already given the answer.

Grazing ground Porambokes

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member who gave notice of the question, namely, Sri S. K. Sambandhan, is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government maintain a list of grazing ground porambokes in the villages;

(b) the safeguards, if any, taken against alienation or assignment of these lands or encroachment thereon;

(c) the steps taken to provide fresh pasture lands in the villages?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) There is a register for each village called the 'A'. Register which contains details of all porambokes including grazing grounds with their description. A list of such porambokes is separately exhibited in the village Account No. 2 (Adangal) maintained by the Karnams.

(b) There are orders to the effect that grazing ground porambokes in a village should not be assigned unless sufficient grazing ground, excluding the Panchayat and Reserve Forests, is available to serve the needs of the cattle in the village, at the rate of one acre of pasture per head of cattle. Encroachers are generally evicted.

(c) On the recommendation of the State Fodder and Grazing Committee, the Government have ordered that a survey of the area required for grazing should be carried out by the Extension staff in the Community Development and National Extension Service villages, and a report submitted to the Collectors with proposals for improvement of grazing areas and that the Collectors should submit a report to the Fodder and Grazing Committee on the steps taken

3-20 p.m. by them in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *re*. MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

ASSOCIATION OF FIVE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR 1960–61.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the following resolution as passed by the Assembly on 7th September 1960 and signed by him :—

'That this House recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate five Members of the Council to associate with the Committee on Estimates of this House for the year 1960–61 and communicate to this House the names of the Members so nominated'.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM 'PRECINCTS OF THE HOUSE'—COUNCIL.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That the Report of the Committee of Privileges regarding the definition of the term 'Precincts of the House' laid on the table of the House on 13th August 1960 with the following amendment, be approved :